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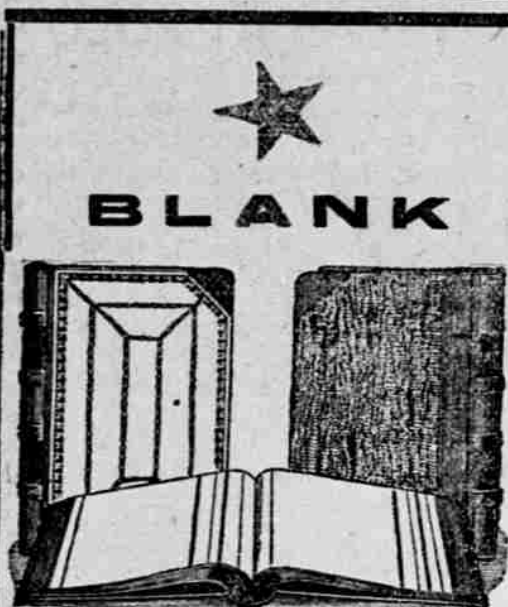
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When modern sewing was first introduced into the Hawaiian Islands, was the subject of an interesting paper on the art of sewing read before the Mothers' and Teachers' Club yesterday afternoon at Punahou Preparatory School. The subject was treated from an historical point of view, and shows when the first missionaries began the work of training the Hawaiians, the first practical instructions being given in a building on the site of the present postoffice structure.

Two papers were read before the club, one on "Carpentering," by Prof. U. Thompson, of Kamehameha Schools, and the other by Mrs. Isabella Creighton, of Kaahumanu School, on "Sewing." There was a pleasant diversion in a short musical program. A pretty solo was sung by Mrs. C. H. Atherton, Mrs. J. T. McDonald accompanying her on the piano.

It was announced that the club committee appointed to confer with the McKinley fund committees, had been successful in impressing upon the members thereof the necessity for creating a public playground for children, in connection with the proposed McKinley memorial park. The club committee will meet the Oahu McKinley committee in the office of Henry Waterhouse next Monday afternoon, and later have a conference with the McKinley fund executive committee. It was also stated that there was a proposition on foot among the teachers and pupils of the public schools to give a union entertainment in the Opera House, charging \$1 a ticket for admission, the proceeds to go to the McKinley memorial fund, as the contribution of the schools.

The paper on carpentering by Professor Thompson, was full of practical hints for the instruction of the young boys with carpenter tools. The carpenters and stone workers who reproduce the lines suggested by the architect, the cabinet makers and wood carvers, who reproduce the forms suggested by the artists, remain all their lives practically untouched by the beautiful lines and proportions they spend their lives reproducing. It is only the artist and the sculptor who are benefitted and elevated by these lines and proportions. If the boy is mechanically inclined, a carpenter's bench and tools may afford pastime and a means of expression for the ideals presented. He did not recommend repairing of furniture as a large part of the boys' experience. If it is a fine piece the boy can't repair it. If it is a common piece the boy won't care to repair it. He recommends lessons in the use of tools. The parents should direct the boys' minds and assist in their choice of ideals in designs.

Mrs. Creighton said she laid no claim to originality, as sewing was no new thing, but as old as the creation of man. In nature one sees the interesting work done by birds, especially the oriole and tailor birds, who sew leaves together to make their nests. For a great many years sewing has been taught in the English schools, and when Princess Kaiulani went to England to finish her education, one of the things she learned was plain sewing. Before the Hawaiians had become civilized they sewed their kapa together, using a needle made of bamboo, and thread made of wauke, or olonaa fiber. When their gourd calabashes needed sewing, the natives used coconut fiber, and their stitches were like the modern cat stitch. When the first missionaries and their wives arrived here in April, 1820, they were not allowed to land for twenty-four hours. While they were on board the Thaddeus, Boki, the governor, and some of the chiefs, visited the ship. When they saw the missionaries wearing ruffled shirts they knew to what use the cloth given them by the early traders was put. They brought their material to the wives of the missionaries and asked them to make shirts like those they had seen. After the missionaries and their wives had landed, some of the white men who had been living here were so pleased to see women of their own race, that they offered them their homes, which were grass huts built on the land where the postoffice now stands. Queen Kaahumanu visited these missionaries and brought with her a piece of silk which she asked Mrs. Bingham to make into a garment. This was probably the first sewing done by women on these islands. Mrs. Bingham opened a school on the present postoffice site, and her first pupils were the chiefs, their attendants, and the wives and children of early settlers. It was probably in this school that the Hawaiians were first taught to sew. Sewing was begun in our government schools in the country dis-

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That would be an interesting law to trace—the law of the human mind which prompts people to boost a man as soon as he has shown that he can climb without help, and to pull down those who could climb well enough with a little assistance.—Harold Frederic.

Over the trackless past, somewhere, Lie the lost days of our tropic youth, Only recalled by faith and prayer, Only recalled by prayer and pain, Each lost day has its patron saint. —Bret Hart.

Those people who turn up their noses at the world might do well to reflect that it is as good a world as they were ever in, and a much better one than they are likely ever to get into again.—G. D. Prentice.

One man lies in his words, and gets a bad reputation; another lies in his manners, and enjoys a good one.—Thoreau.

He who knows that power is in the soul, that he is weak only because he has looked for good out of him and elsewhere, and so perceiving, throws himself unhesitatingly on his thought, instantly rights himself, stands in the erect position, commands his limbs, works miracles; just as a man who stands on his feet is stronger than a man who stands on his head.—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Many a woman rejects a man because he is in love with her, and accepts another because he is not. The first thinks too much of himself and his emotions; the other makes a study of her and her friends and learns what ropes to pull.—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

With every exertion, the best of men can do but a moderate amount of good, but it seems in the power of the most contemptible individual to do incalculable mischief.—Washington Irving.

A BOOMERANG.

Tess—I told Miss Sharpe what you said about her sewing circle; that you would not join because it was too full of stupid nobodies.

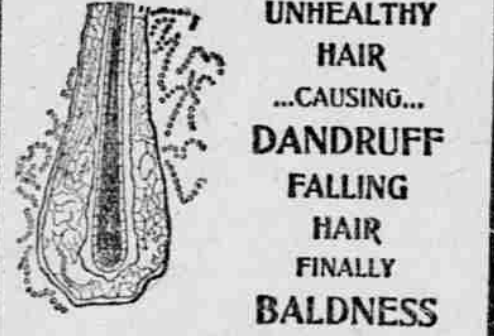
Jess—Did you? What did she say to that?

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